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considered to be a surface water well, even though they're pumping from the underground aquifer. Now, do they have an impact on the stream? Obviously. But through a misunderstanding with the Department of Water Resources, we have decided in this amendment to grandfather those wells in. Now we have not permitted new wells under this. We are looking at that issue and we are...we are considering an interim study if something can't be resolved this year. But unbeknownst to a lot of the people who drilled some wells on islands, some rather large tracts of land by the way, and I don't think this affects a lot of people, but if you're the one affected it's pretty important, they drilled some wells after 1993, and then found out last year that they were in violation. And it could be interpreted that it was a technical law they were in violation of and not the spirit of the law. And so the...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR SCHROCK: ...Natural Resources Committee did have a hearing on that, and recommendations by the Department of Water Resources we decided to grandfather them in. And, you know, last year the Department of Water Resources director did kind of stick his neck out a little bit and did permit them to pump. But there was some question at one time or another whether they were going to be able to pump.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Time, Senator Beutler. Senator Jones.

SENATOR JONES: Mr. President, members of the body, I just wanted to continue this discussion just a little bit. We had two bills in there, LB 902 and LB 903. LB 902 is the one we're talking about here because the way they had it figured before was they called it in the river when they said that from the north side of the north bank of the river to the south side of the south bank of the south river, they called that all river. And that was where the discrepancy was because I lived on Brady Island for several years, and I know there's a lot of new irrigation and a lot of irrigation on that island. It's some higher ground there than it is down next to the river some places, I mean it's higher elevation out in the middle out there than you'd really imagine might even be out north of the North Platte River, because there's a lot of wet hay meadows north of